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1. Before February 1948, the Slovak Labor Union Federation (SOR) had only one source of income: the obligatory dues of the members. At about that time, a decision was made to organize some more reliable sort of financial support for the S.R. It was planned, moreover, to extract enough funds to support not only the SOR, but also to allow for a covert diversion of the greater portion of the money to the treasuries of the Slovak Communist Party and the various affiliated organizations of veterans of the Resistance.
2. The leaders of the SOR therefore approached the Slovak Commission for Industry and Trade (Poverenictvo pre Priemysel a Obchod) in Bratislava and arranged that the income of certain nationalized firms be turned over to the treasury of the Slovak Labor Union Federation.
3. The following firms were chosen as sources of support for the SOR:
 - a. The Kremer import-export firm, Cintorínská 21, Bratislava.
 - b. Žurnál, a newspaper publishing house serving all of Slovakia.
 - c. Tlačiareň Sv. Andrea, a printing firm which formerly published the newspaper, Čas.
 - d. The Partkoll (successor to Firma Formeyer) textile firm. The profits of this firm are paid exclusively into the treasury of the Slovak Partisans' League (SSP).
 - e. The Tvorba textile firm, Michalská 11, Bratislava.
4. The financial manipulation described above is strictly illegal, since the profits of confiscated nationalized enterprises should be added to the People's Restitution Fund (Fond Narodni Obnovy).

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